

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

9.(currently amended) An ambulatory device comprising:

- (a) two side frames, each ~~of said~~ side frame having a front leg and back leg ;
- (b) a ~~horizontal support member~~ brace connecting the front leg of each of said frames;
- (c) a seat having first and second sections, wherein the second section is pivotably coupled to said frames, wherein said seat has:
 - a first position having a substantially horizontal orientation; and
 - a second position having a substantially vertical orientation; and
- (d) at least two support brackets, one of which is spaced from said second section,
~~wherein said support brackets are disposed~~ downwardly on either side of said seat with respect to the first position to secure said seat to said frames when said seat is in said first position; wherein said support brackets provide support for the ambulatory device when said seat is in said first position such that when lateral force is applied to the side frames, the lateral force is distributed along the support brackets and across said seat.

Claims 10-14 (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) An ambulatory device comprising:

- (a) two side frames, each side frame including a front and back leg;
 - (b) a ~~horizontal support member~~ brace connecting the front leg of each of said frames;
- and
- (c) a seat having front and rear sections, ~~wherein the rear~~ front section is pivotably mounted to said frames, wherein said seat can be pivoted into at least two positions:

a first position having a substantially horizontal orientation; and
a second position having a substantially vertical orientation;

wherein said seat further comprises a substantially flat sitting surface and an under-surface comprising a plurality of walled recesses.

16. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15 further comprising:

(a) a set of brakes positioned to engage one or more wheels on the back legs when a brake force is applied; and

(b) at least one hand brake actuator positioned on at least one of said side frames, wherein said hand brake actuator is used to effectuate the brake force.

17. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15 further comprising a back rest connecting said side frames.

18. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15, further including at least one padded region located on at least one of said side frames.

19. (currently amended) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said ~~horizontal support member~~ brace is curved ~~outward~~ outwardly away from said front legs.

20. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15, further comprising a locking mechanism, wherein at least one of said side frames can pivot approximately 180 degrees when said locking mechanism is released.

Claims 21-30 (cancelled)

31. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9, further comprising a wheel connected to each of said front and back legs.

32. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said side frames include a substantially u-shaped horizontal support member connecting said legs.

33. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said side frames also include a cross-member which connects the mid-section of said legs.

34. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 33, wherein said support brackets secure said seat to said cross-members.

35. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein each of said front and back legs include a length adjustment means.

36. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9 further comprising a locking mechanism located on each of said side frames, said locking mechanism maintaining said side frames spaced apart and releasable to allow said side frames to pivot inwardly toward the seat when said seat is in said second position.

37. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said seat in said second position is at least partially in front of said front legs.

38. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 31 further comprising:

(a) a set of brakes positioned to engage the wheels on the back legs when a brake force is applied; and

(b) at least one hand brake actuator positioned on at least one of said side frames, wherein said hand brake actuator is used to effectuate the brake force.

39. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9 further comprising a back rest connecting said side frames.

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40. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 32, further including at least one padded region located on at least one of said horizontal supports.

41. (currently amended) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said ~~horizontal support member~~ brace is curved ~~outward~~ outwardly away from said front legs.

42. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 36, wherein at least one of said side frames can pivot approximately 180 degrees when said locking mechanism is released.

43. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said support brackets are integrally molded to said seat.

44. (currently amended) The ambulatory device of claim 15 further comprising two support brackets ~~laterally spaced from said rear section, wherein said support brackets are disposed on either side of said seat~~ to secure said seat to said frames when said seat is in said first position; wherein said support brackets provide support for the ambulatory device when said seat is in said first position such that when lateral force is applied to the side frames, the lateral force is distributed along the support brackets and across said seat.

45. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15, further comprising a wheel connected to each of said front and back legs.

46. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said side frames include a substantially u-shaped horizontal support member connecting said legs.

47. (currently amended) The ambulatory device of claim ~~15~~ 44, wherein said side frames also include a cross-member which connects the mid-section of said legs.

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48. (currently amended) The ambulatory device of claim 46 ~~47~~, wherein said support brackets secure said seat to said cross-members.

49. (currently amended) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein each of said front and back legs includes a ~~length~~ height adjustment mechanism ~~means~~.

50. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15 further comprising a locking mechanism located on each of said side frames, said locking mechanism maintaining said side frames spaced apart and releasable to allow said side frames to pivot inwardly toward the seat when said seat is in said second position.

51. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said seat in said second position is at least partially in front of said front legs.

52. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said seat includes a handle.

53. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15 wherein said plurality of walled-recesses comprise at least one walled recess having an open side.

54. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said plurality of walled recesses comprise at least one walled recess having a partially open side.

55. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 44, wherein said support brackets comprise a top surface and one or more flanges extending substantially along said top surface.

56. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 55, wherein said support brackets further comprise one or more notches located in said one or more flanges.

57. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 56, wherein said notches are received by one or more portions of said side frames.

58. (currently amended) An ambulatory device comprising:

- (a) two side frames, each side frame including a front and back leg;
- (b) ~~horizontal support member~~ a brace connecting the front leg of each of said frames;
- (c) a seat having front and rear sections, wherein the ~~rear~~ front section is pivotably mounted to said frames, wherein said seat can be pivoted into at least two positions:
 - a first position, having a substantially horizontal orientation; and
 - a second position, having a substantially vertical orientation; and
- (d) two support brackets comprising a top surface and one or more flanges extending substantially along said top surface;
 - wherein said seat further comprises a substantially flat sitting surface and an under-surface comprising a plurality of walled recesses.

59. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 58, wherein said support brackets further comprise one or more notches located in said one or more flanges.

60. (currently amended) An ambulatory device comprising:

- (a) two side frames, each side frame including a front and back leg;
- (b) ~~horizontal support member~~ a brace connecting the front leg of each of said frames;
- (c) a seat having front and rear sections, wherein the ~~rear~~ front section is pivotably mounted to said frames, wherein said seat can be pivoted into at least two positions:
 - a first position, having a substantially horizontal orientation; and
 - a second position, having a substantially vertical orientation; and
- (d) at least two support brackets, one of which is spaced from said second section, ~~wherein said support brackets are disposed~~ downwardly on either side of said seat with respect to the first position to secure said seat to said frames when said seat is in said first position; wherein said support brackets provide support for the ambulatory device when said seat is in said first

position such that when lateral force is applied to the side frames, the lateral force is distributed along the support brackets and across said seat; wherein said support brackets comprise a top surface and one or more flanges extending substantially along said top surface.

61. (previously presented) The ambulatory device of claim 60, wherein said support brackets further comprise one or more notches located in said one or more flanges.

62. (new) An ambulatory device, comprising:

- a. a first side frame and a second side frame, each side frame having a front leg and a back leg; and
- b. a seat pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg and the second side frame front leg, the seat capable of being disposed in a first position oriented substantially horizontally and a second position oriented substantially vertically, and the seat including an undersurface having at least first and second pluralities of intersecting walls that, while the seat is in the first position, extend downward from the seat undersurface defining a plurality of downward openings.

63. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 62 wherein the walls in the first and second pluralities of walls are formed integrally with the seat undersurface.

64. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 62 wherein the walls in the first plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other and the walls in the second plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other.

65. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 62 wherein the walls in the first plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other and the walls in the second plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other, and the first and second pluralities of walls are substantially perpendicular to each other.

66. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 62 wherein the walls in the first plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other and the walls in the second plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other, and the first and second pluralities of walls are substantially perpendicular to each other so that some of the downward openings are substantially rectangular when viewed from below.

67. (new) An ambulatory device, comprising:

- a. a first side frame and a second side frame, each side frame having a front leg and a back leg;
- b. a seat pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg and the second side frame front leg, the seat capable of being disposed in a first position oriented substantially horizontally and a second position oriented substantially vertically; and
- c. a first support flange attached to the first side frame front leg and a second support flange attached to the second side frame front leg, each support flange extending inwardly and capable of providing additional support to the seat when the seat is disposed in the first position.

68. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 67 wherein the seat is pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg by a first pivot bracket extending from the first side frame front leg, wherein the first support flange extends from the first pivot bracket, wherein the seat is pivotally connected to the second side frame front leg by a second pivot bracket extending from the second side frame front leg, and wherein the second support flange extends from the second pivot bracket.

69. (new) An ambulatory device, comprising:

- a. a first side frame and a second side frame, each side frame having a front leg, a back leg, and a cross bar between the front leg and the back leg;

b. a seat pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg and the second side frame front leg, the seat capable of being disposed in a first position oriented substantially horizontally and a second position oriented substantially vertically; and

c. at least two downwardly curving support brackets, each downwardly curving support bracket extending outwardly from the seat to engage a respective one of the cross bars of one of the side frames, each support bracket including at least first and second support walls that are spaced from each other and that, while the seat is in the first position, extend downward to form at least one downward opening support recess, and wherein at least the first and second support walls each have a substantially inverted-U-shaped recess that, while the seat is in the first position, accepts the respective cross bar for support.

70. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 69 wherein the at least two downwardly curving support brackets are formed integrally with the seat.

71. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 69 wherein the inverted-U-shaped recess is deep enough to accept substantially all of the respective cross bar.

72. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 69 wherein at least the first support walls for the downwardly curving support brackets are connected by a first connecting wall extending across the bottom of a seat undersurface to form at least one continuous wall with the respective support walls.

73. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 69 wherein at least the first and second support walls for the downwardly curving support brackets are connected by first and second connecting walls, respectively, the connecting walls extending across the bottom of a seat undersurface to form at least two continuous walls with the respective support walls.

74. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 69 wherein each support bracket includes an upper support surface and at least a third support wall that is spaced from the first

and second support walls that, while the seat is in the first position, extends downward from the upper support surface and cooperates with the first and second support walls to form at least two downward opening support recesses, and wherein the third support wall has a substantially inverted-U-shaped recess that, while the seat is in the first position, accepts the respective cross bar.

75. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 74 wherein at least the first, second, and third support walls for the downwardly curving support brackets are connected by first, second, and third connecting walls, respectively, the connecting walls extending across the bottom of a seat undersurface to form at least three continuous walls with the respective support walls.

76. (new) An ambulatory device, comprising:

- a. a first side frame and a second side frame, each side frame having a front leg, a back leg, and a cross bar between the front leg and the back leg;
- b. a seat pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg and the second side frame front leg, the seat capable of being disposed in a first position oriented substantially horizontally and a second position oriented substantially vertically;
- c. at least two downwardly curving support brackets, each downwardly curving support bracket extending outwardly from the seat to engage a respective one of the cross bars of one of the side frames; and
- d. at least a first continuous wall extending from one support bracket, under the seat, and to another support bracket, and that, while the seat is in the first position, extends downward from a seat undersurface.

77. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 75 further comprising at least a second continuous wall extending from one support bracket, under the seat, and to another support bracket substantially parallel to the first continuous wall, and that, while the seat is in the first

position, extends downward from a seat undersurface and cooperates with the first continuous wall to form at least one downward opening.

78. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 76 further comprising at least second and third continuous walls extending from one support bracket, under the seat, and to another support bracket substantially parallel to the first continuous wall, and that, while the seat is in the first position, extend downward from a seat undersurface and cooperate with the first continuous wall to form at least two downward openings.

79. (new) An ambulatory device, comprising:

- a. a first side frame and a second side frame, each side frame having a front leg, a back leg, and a cross bar between the front leg and the back leg;
- b. a seat pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg and the second side frame front leg, the seat capable of being disposed in a first position oriented substantially horizontally and a second position oriented substantially vertically; and
- c. at least two downwardly curving support brackets, each downwardly curving support bracket extending outwardly from the seat to engage a respective one of the cross bars of one of the side frames; and
- d. wherein said seat further comprises a substantially flat sitting surface and an undersurface and further wherein, while the seat is in the first position, the seat undersurface and at least two downwardly curving support brackets each have at least one downward facing walled opening.

80. (new) An ambulatory device, comprising:

- a. a first side frame and a second side frame, each side frame having a front leg and a back leg;
- b. a seat pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg and the second side frame front leg, the seat capable of being disposed in a first position oriented substantially horizontally and a second position oriented substantially vertically, and the seat including

an undersurface having first and second pluralities of intersecting walls that, while the seat is in the first position, extend downward from the seat undersurface defining a plurality of downward openings;

c. a first support flange attached to the first side frame front leg and a second support flange attached to the second side frame front leg, each support flange extending inwardly and capable of providing additional support to the seat when the seat is disposed in the first position; and

d. at least two downwardly curving support brackets, each downwardly curving support bracket extending outwardly from the seat to engage a respective one of the cross bars of one of the side frames, each support bracket including at least first and second support walls that are spaced from each other and that, while the seat is in the first position, extend downward to form at least one downward opening support recess, and wherein at least the first and second support walls each have a substantially inverted-U-shaped recess that, while the seat is in the first position, accepts the respective cross bar for support.

81. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 80:

a. wherein the walls in the first plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other and the walls in the second plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other, and the first and second pluralities of walls are substantially perpendicular to each other;

b. wherein the seat is pivotally connected to the first side frame front leg by a first pivot bracket extending from the first side frame front leg, wherein the first support flange extends from the first pivot bracket, wherein the seat is pivotally connected to the second side frame front leg by a second pivot bracket extending from the second side frame front leg, and wherein the second support flange extends from the second pivot bracket;

c. wherein each support bracket includes an upper support surface and at least a third support wall that is spaced from the first and second support walls that, while the seat is in the first position, extends downward from the upper support surface and cooperates with the first and second support walls to form at least two downward opening support

recesses, and wherein the third support wall has a substantially inverted-U-shaped recess that, while the seat is in the first position, accepts the respective cross bar; and

d. wherein at least the first, second, and third support walls for the downwardly curving support brackets are connected by first, second, and third connecting walls, respectively, the connecting walls extending across the bottom of a seat undersurface to form at least three continuous walls with the respective support walls.

82. (new) The ambulatory device according to any of claims 62, 67, 69, 76, 79, 80, or 81 wherein the seat, while in the first position, has a forward edge that curves inward and a rearward edge that curves inward, causing the seat to narrow in a central region thereof.

83. (new) The ambulatory device according to any of claims 69, 76, 79, 80, or 81 wherein the downwardly curving support brackets, while the seat is in the first position, rest on a central region of the respective cross bar.

84. (new) A rollator comprising:

a. a first side frame and a second side frame, each side frame arranged substantially vertically during use of the rollator, each side frame comprising:

- (1) a vertically adjustable front leg and a vertically adjustable back leg,
- (2) a cross bar connecting the front leg and the back leg,
- (3) an integral transverse horizontal support member between the front leg and the back leg,
- (4) a wheel disposed on an end of each leg such that the rollator is capable of rolling on a surface on four wheels,
- (5) an armrest disposed on the horizontal support member,
- (6) a pivot bracket mounted on the front leg and extending forward of the front leg
- (7) a support flange extending inwardly relative to the front leg;

b. a braking mechanism associated with each side frame, the braking mechanism comprising:

- (1) a brake handle mounted on the horizontal support member,
- (2) a brake shoe disposed on the back leg and capable of frictional engagement with the wheel at the end of the back leg.
- (3) a cable for providing communication between the brake handle and the brake shoe;
- c. a front brace connecting the front leg of each side frame, the front brace comprising:
 - (1) a first bushing through which the first side frame front leg extends and a second bushing through which the second side frame front leg extends,
 - (2) a curved tubular member joining the first bushing and the second bushing;
- d. a molded plastic seat capable of being disposed in a first position oriented substantially horizontally and a second position oriented substantially vertically, the seat comprising:
 - (1) a seat platform pivotally connected to the pivot brackets of the first and second side frames, the seat platform capable of engaging the support flanges when disposed in the first position, the seat platform comprising:
 - (i) a top seating surface,
 - (ii) an undersurface having first and second pluralities of intersecting walls that, while the seat is in the first position, extend downward from the seat undersurface to form a plurality of downward openings,
 - (2) at least two integral downwardly curving support brackets, each downwardly curving support bracket extending outwardly from the seat to engage a respective one of the cross bars of one of the side frames, each support bracket including at least first and second support walls that are spaced from each other and that, while the seat is in the first position, extend downward to form at least one downward opening support recess, and wherein at least the first and second support walls each have a substantially inverted-U-shaped recess that, while the seat is in the first position, accepts the respective cross bar for support; and
- e. a flexible back support extending between the first side frame front leg and the second side frame front leg and above the front brace;

wherein each side frame is pivotable relative to the front brace by pivotable movement of the front legs in the first and second bushings and wherein the axis of rotation of the seat about the pivot brackets is offset forward of the front legs by at least the depth of the seat platform.

85. (new) The ambulatory device according to claim 84:

- a. wherein the walls in the first plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other and the walls in the second plurality of walls are substantially parallel to each other, and the first and second pluralities of walls are substantially perpendicular to each other;
- b. wherein the first support flange extends from the first pivot bracket and the second support flange extends from the second pivot bracket;
- c. wherein each support bracket includes an upper support surface and at least a third support wall that is spaced from the first and second support walls that, while the seat is in the first position, extends downward from the upper support surface and cooperates with the first and second support walls to form at least two downward opening support recesses, and wherein the third support wall has a substantially inverted-U-shaped recess that, while the seat is in the first position, accepts the respective cross bar; and
- d. wherein at least the first, second, and third support walls for the downwardly curving support brackets are connected by first, second, and third connecting walls, respectively, the connecting walls extending across the bottom of a seat undersurface to form at least three continuous walls with the respective support walls.